DRAFT STATUS REPORT: Highlights of Neighborhood Plan and Statistics

2009

#### NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

### **Key Strategies**

- A. Link Westwood/Highland Park Together through the Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail a pathway system, adapting to and highlighting existing travel patterns, that is made safer and more user-friendly.
- B. Integrate the Denny/Sealth Southwest Recreation
  Complex Master Plan—to bring focus and attention
  to the Recreation Complex as West Seattle's very own
  South Civic Center to address vehicle and pedestrian
  access and circulation, and parking and crowd management around the Recreation Complex.
- C. Revitalize the Triangle Commercial Core bounded by SW Henderson St., 15th Ave. SW, SW Roxbury St., and 20th Ave. SW to bring more business and support increased residential density by pursuing strategies including: physical improvements; business infill strategies; parking, traffic management; design guidelines with particular emphasis on gateways; and pedestrian and transit improvements.
- D. <u>Delridge Way SW Improvement Project</u> Incorporate community-recommended pedestrian facilities and amenities into the signalization project along the length of Delridge Way SW to balance the needs of traffic capacity, bicycle and pedestrian safety, and neighborhood access.



Roxhill Park

### Community Investment

- In 1992 the City adopted the Longfellow Creek Watershed Action Plan including a specific goal to re-establish the historic wetlands of Longfellow Creek in Roxhill Park. In 1996, the Westwood Neighborhood Council began planning improvements for the park including rebuilding some of the historic wetlands. In 2000, the first phase of restoration began on a portion of the wetland. The second phase (2002) of the project included removal of more fill covering peat deposits to restore an additional 1.5 acres of wetlands. This doubles the wetlands restored in the first phase of the project. Over 45,000 native plants and trees have been planted in the wetlands and upland areas of the project.
- The "Libraries for All" program funded the expansion of the Southwest Branch library that reopened in March, 2007. The branch grew from 8,213 square feet to 15,000 square feet and has a second floor that contains a new meeting room, restrooms and staff areas. The main level features an expansive vestibule, a spacious area for children, a separate area for Spanish-language materials and 32 public computers. The branch has increased capacity for books and materials, and the branch recently expanded its collection of books, videos and music in Spanish.
- Parks, Seattle Public Utilities and the Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail
  Watershed Council, a community based volunteer group, have designed
  and constructed a series of improvements to Longfellow Creek and Trail
   that stretches 3-mile Trail from Roxhill Park (SW Roxbury Street) to SW
  Andover St
- The White Center Community Development Association has taken a role in implementing and monitoring plan recommendations including streetscape and business improvements in the White center business district.
- The Community Center and Pro Parks Levies funded improvements to the Southwest Community Center. Originally, Southwest Community Center had approximately 12,000-square-feet of programmable space, including a 4,000 square foot pool and a 2,880-square-foot multi-purpose room. The additions project added a Teen Center, Computer Room, and a full size gymnasium to better equip Southwest Community Center to meet the needs of the neighborhood. The new gym offers not only an excellent athletic facility but will fill other community needs including childcare and summer camp programs, and offers space for community events, meetings and rentals.
- The Pro Parks Levy provided funding to implement three high priority improvements to Westcrest Park that included: 4.5 acres of open space for dogs; a new gravel parking lot; a new water service at the north entrance; split-rail perimeter fencing and some slope protection fencing for sensitive areas; and signage and a new kiosk.

#### **Neighborhood Plans:**

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#### **Neighborhood Status Reports:**

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# HOUSING & EMPLOYMENT

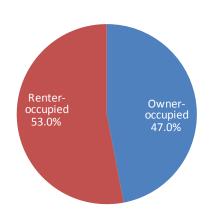
Source: 2000 Census SF-3 Block Group Estimates, except where noted. Information provided for Westwood-Highland Park Residential Urban Village.

### Comprehensive Plan 2024 Growth Targets

	Westwood/ Highland ParkSource: Comprehensive - Plan	Land Area in Acres	Households (HH)				Employment (Jobs)			
			Existing (2004)	Existing Density (HH/Ac)	Growth Target	2024 Density (Est. HH/Ac.)	Existing (2002)	Existing Density (Jobs/Ac.)	Growth Target	2024 Density (Est. HH/Ac.)
		276	2,015	7	400	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

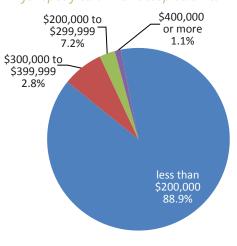
### Renter or Owner Occupied

for all occupied housing units



#### Home Value

#### for specified owner-occupied units

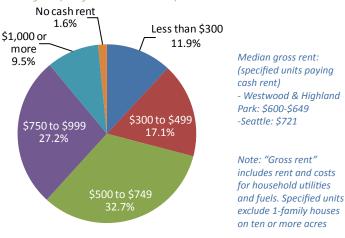


Median home value:
-Westwood & Highland
Park: \$153,488
-Seattle as a whole:
\$259,600

Note: "Specified owner-occupied units" exclude mobile homes, units (such as condominiums) in multi-unit buildings, and houses on ten or more acres.

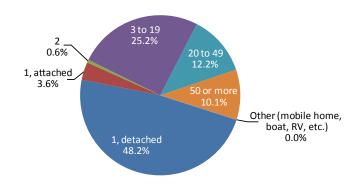
#### **Gross Rent**

for specified renter-occupied units



#### **Number of Units in Structure**

for all housing units

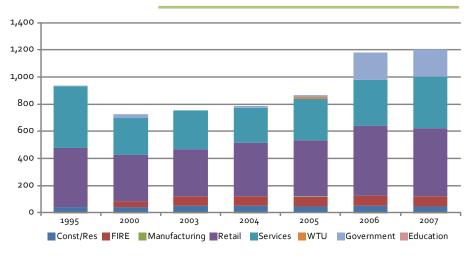


### 1995-2007 Employment by Sector

## **Development Capacity**

#### calculated as of 2007

Housing	671 (units)
Commercial	173,484
	(square feet)
Jobs	578



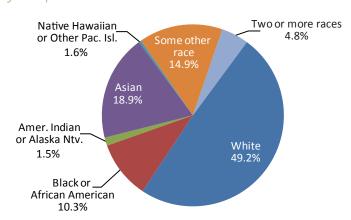
# DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY

Source: 2000 Census SF-3 Block Group Estimates, except where noted. Information provided for Westwood-Highland Park Residential Urban Village.

Population	2000	2007*		
*estimate	5,829	6,030		

#### Race

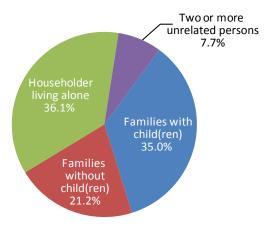
#### for all persons



Latino/Hispanic ethnicity (of any race): 18.9% of population

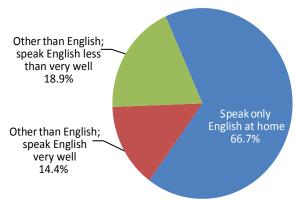
### Household Type

### for all households



### Language Spoken at Home

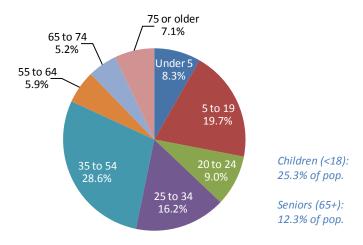
### for persons 5 years and older



#### Total speaking language other than English at home: 33.3%

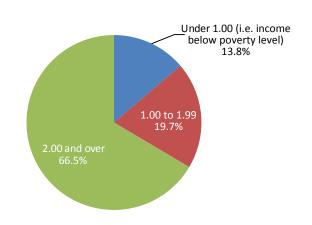
### Age

#### for all persons

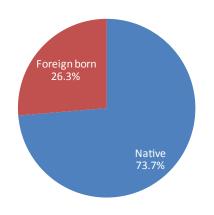


### Ratio of Income to Poverty

#### Persons for whom poverty status is determined

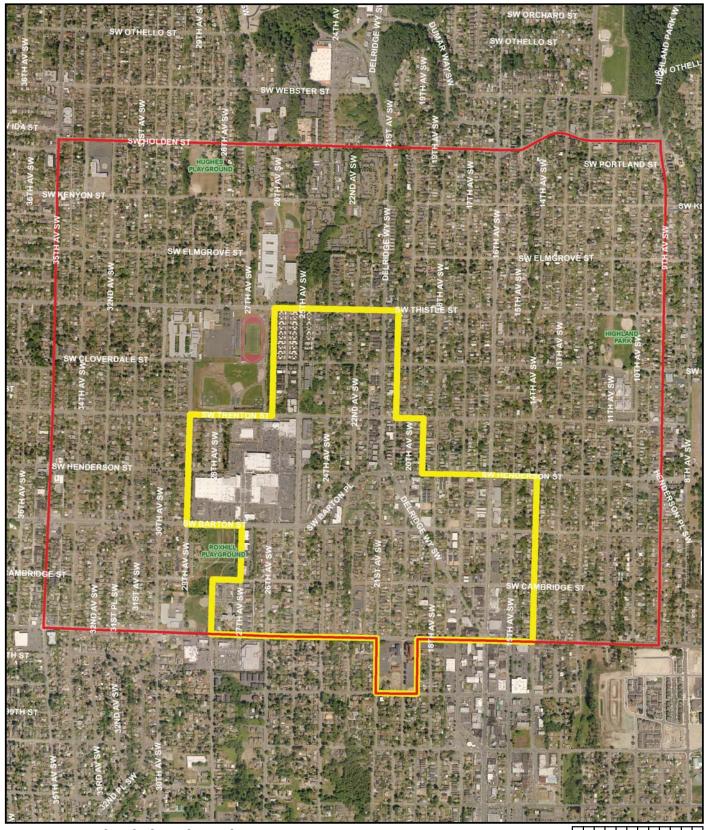


### Place of Birth



Entered U.S. within prior 10 years: 48.2% of foreign born; 12.7% of total population

Note: Native includes born in U.S., Puerto Rico and other U.S. island areas, and born abroad to American parents



## Westwood-Higland Park

Urban Village LINK Light Rail **\*** Stations Neighborhood Plan Area \_\_\_\_\_At-Grade / Aerial Tunnel Aerial Photo: 2007



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